



**EBC Ocean and Coastal Resources Program
Presentation and Discussion of the Draft Northeast Regional Ocean Plan**

Tuesday June 14, 2016

Brown Rudnick LLP
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Boston, MA

AGENDA

8:00 a.m. Welcome and Introduction

- **Payson Whitney**, Chair, EBC Ocean and Coastal Resources Committee
Vice President, ESS Group, Inc.

8:10 a.m. Presentation of Draft Northeast Regional Ocean Plan

- **Mel Cote**, Federal Regional Planning Body;
Chief, Surface Water Branch, U.S. EPA
- **John Weber**, Ocean Planning Director, Northeast Regional Ocean Council

9:00 a.m. Panel Discussion

Moderator: Stephanie Moura, SeaPlan

Panelists:

- Mel Cote, U.S. EPA
- John Weber, Northeast Regional Ocean Council
- Bruce Carlisle, Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management
- David Pierce, Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries

9:30 a.m. Open Discussion

10:30 a.m. Adjourn

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Stephanie Moura is Managing Partner at SeaPlan, an independent, nonprofit ocean science and policy group. Since 2006 her work has focused on collaborating with government agencies, marine industries and NGOs to advance marine spatial planning efforts. SeaPlan has provided strategic, technical and stakeholder engagement support for MA CZM's development and revision of the Massachusetts Ocean Management Plan and has been instrumental in the Regional Planning Bodies' efforts to develop regional-scale ocean plans in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic. Prior to launching SeaPlan, Stephanie's 20+ year career in marine and coastal resource issues included positions with the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority and The Mediation Group, during which she has combined expertise in environmental policy, alternative dispute resolution and organizational management. She earned her B.A. in Marine Biology/Environmental Policy from U.C. Santa Cruz and her M.A. in Urban and Environmental Policy from Tufts University.

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Bruce K. Carlisle is the Director of the Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management (CZM), providing oversight and administration for the agency. Mr. Carlisle directs policy development, planning efforts, and technical approaches for CZM program areas including ocean planning, offshore renewable energy, shoreline and floodplain management, climate change adaptation and coastal resilience planning, habitat protection and restoration, port and harbor planning, water quality, seafloor and tidal habitat mapping, and GIS/data management. Bruce also supervises CZM's regulatory review of coastal and ocean projects, ranging from municipal waterfront development and dredging to offshore wind turbines and LNG facilities. He formerly served as both Acting and Assistant Director for CZM, as well as the manager for the Commonwealth's Wetlands Restoration Program, where he led collaborative efforts to restore former and degraded wetlands. Prior to that, Bruce served as a project manager and principal investigator for coastal wetland assessment projects and as a specialist in water resources policy, monitoring, and planning. He holds a Masters in Environmental Policy degree from Tufts University.

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Mel Côté is chief of the Surface Water Branch in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's New England Regional Office in Boston, Massachusetts. The branch includes the Ocean and Coastal Protection, and Watersheds and Nonpoint Source sections, which administer the National Estuary Program for the six New England programs, dredged material management and ocean disposal

programs, nonpoint source management programs, the Lake Champlain Basin Program, the Southern New England Program for Coastal Watershed Restoration, and several other surface water programs. Mel also serves on the Northeast Regional Planning Body, the New England Regional Dredging Team, the board of the Northeastern Regional Association of Coastal Ocean Observing Systems, and other regional committees and workgroups.

Prior to his current position, Mel served as manager of the Ocean and Coastal Protection Section from 2004-2015, and the Water Quality Unit from 2002-2004. He began his EPA career in August 1990 as manager of the Near Coastal Waters Program in the former Water Management Division's Marine and Estuarine Protection Section. From February 1993 to February 2002, he served as the Senior Regional Program Manager for the Long Island Sound Study National Estuary Program and the Connecticut Nonpoint Source Program. Mel holds a BA in Journalism and Communications from Washington and Lee University and an MA in Urban and Environmental Policy from Tufts University.

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John Weber has 17 years of experience in the coastal and marine management field. He is currently the Executive Director for the Northeast Regional Ocean Council, a partnership of New England states and federal agencies collaborating on ocean management issues, providing strategic direction for the Northeast regional ocean planning effort. He recently served as the Ocean Program Manager for the MA Office of Coastal Zone Management, where he managed the day-to-day development and implementation of the Massachusetts Ocean Management Plan, completed in late 2009. John's previous private- and public-sector experience included review of urban waterfront development and planning activities, dredging, coastal erosion, and wetland restoration projects. John has a B.S. in Coastal Geology from Long Island University and an M.S. in Marine Resource Management from Oregon State University.